

**CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS** to be administered in **BOSSIER CITY** on **SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**, will consist of approximately **100** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective police communication management, involving planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, and the general care and maintenance of department communications equipment, and knowledge of civil service laws. Knowledge of operation of the police communications center, including knowledge of operational and dispatching procedures; procedures for receiving and processing calls for assistance; procedures for monitoring location and status of on-duty officers; and the proper operating procedures of the police radio system; and knowledge of the operation of the computer-aided dispatch system, including the operation of the computer keyboard; knowledge of computer codes; and of the procedure for sending and retrieving messages as well as for entering and retrieving information using the computer.	50.0%
<b>RECORDS / REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE</b>  Knowledge of effective records-management practices, including preparation, content, format, and control; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports or official correspondence.	11.0%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	25.0%
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>  Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with other agencies, the public.	7.0%
<b>TRAINING</b>  Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the communications department and for conducting an effective training program, including serving as an instructor.	7.0%

## REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

### PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

**BOSSIER CITY POLICE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS & PROCEDURES, 1996.**

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES/Better Results Through Teamwork, 777 North Capitol, Washington, DC 20005, 4th ed, 2005. (NOTE: May also be obtained through LSU Firemen Training Program).**

**SUPERVISION OF POLICE PERSONNEL, Iannone N. F., Prentice - Hall, Inc.(Series in Criminal Justice), Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, 6th ed., 2001.**

**POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 7th ed., 2007.**

The local civil service board should make this study guide available to all applicants in whatever manner the board deems appropriate.

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